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Proclaiming Public Health Week 2026

Every day, Los Angeles County residents benefit from the services provided by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (Public Health). Public Health’s responsibilities include preventing and controlling communicable diseases, providing health education through community outreach, conducting restaurant and health facility inspections, and carrying out population and case-based surveillance. These and many more services administered by Public Health are crucial in ensuring the County is a safe and healthy place to live, work, and create, and increasingly Public Health is being viewed as among public safety responding agencies.

Each year, the County celebrates Public Health Week and recognizes the Department’s efforts to protect health, prevent disease and injury, and promote the health and well-being of all residents. The theme for national Public Health Week 2026 is “Ready. Set. Action!” As we celebrate, we take a moment to recognize how public health has improved our daily lives, safeguarded our families, expanded our life spans, and strengthened our communities. This week is also a chance to honor the public health workers who show up for us every day — and to advocate for policies and practices that promote good health for all. This is increasingly important at a time when the federal government’s level of commitment to state and local public health has

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Public Health will be joining with partners to host nine themed events from April 6th through April 12th, 2026, in distinct neighborhoods across LA County. Public Health invites all County residents to empower their communities by attending these events taking place throughout the County to discuss important public health issues such as emergency preparedness, children's health, overdose prevention, safe street vending, and other topics of interest to the community. For more information on Public Health Week activities, please visit: <http://www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/phweek/>.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Proclaim April 6-12, 2026, as "Public Health Week" in the County of Los Angeles, and urge all residents, public officials, and County employees, as well as community groups, clubs and organizations, to join in activities and take action to make all Los Angeles communities healthy.
2. Encourage all residents to participate in the following public health week activities happening across six days:
 - a. Day 1: A community workshop on emergency preparedness and fire recovery for residents and businesses;
 - b. Day 2: In collaboration with Children's Hospital Los Angeles, a community event focused on upcoming changes to Medicaid and children's health coverage, and how families can protect their access to care;
 - c. Day 3: An address on "the State of Public Health" at Cal State University,

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- d. Day 4:
 - i. In collaboration with Department of Health Services, a community event to promote the ByLAforLA.org Rewriting LA County's Story Campaign, a public education campaign that aims to raise awareness about overdose prevention resources and reduce stigma for people who use drugs; and
 - ii. A one- stop shop for information and assistance on Microenterprise Home Kitchen Operation;
- e. Day 5: A convening for Community Health Workers for training, peer sharing, and self-care; and
- f. Day 6:
 - i. A Youth Leadership Conference for all county-wide Peer Health Advocates to gather, learn together and share expertise; and
 - ii. A Spring Health Fair with Healthy Los Nietos, a cross-sector collaborative.

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